

REMARKS

Claims 2 – 16 and 18 – 32 are in the application. Claims 2 – 12, 14 – 16, 18 – 28, and 30 – 32 were previously presented; claims 1, 17, and 33 – 37 have been canceled; and claims 13 and 29 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 12, 28, and 33 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 33 – 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claim invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In an effort to advance the allowance of the present application (not an admission or acceptance of the merits of the rejection), claims 33 – 37 are canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 33 – 37 under 35 USC 101 is moot.

Accordingly, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 33 – 37 under 35 USC 101.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 – 16 and 18 – 32 were deemed as being allowable in the Office Action. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Office's indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant further submits that present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the allowance including claims 2 – 16 and 18 – 32.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

Respectfully submitted,

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